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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (Z. RAHMAN), BG  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY PRESIDENT RAHMAN OF  
BANGLADESH

1. BANGLADESH'S UN PERMREP (KAISER) ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE  
IN WASHINGTON (KABIR) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG ON  
10 AUGUST FOR THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF ASKING FOR HIS  
SUPPORT IN ARRANGING A ONE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO WASH-  
INGTON THIS FALL BY PRESIDENT RAHMAN WHILE EN ROUTE TO  
ADDRESS UNGA THE NEXT DAY IN NEW YORK. KAISER EMPHASIZED  
THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A QUOTE STATE VISIT UNQUOTE BUT  
RATHER AN OCCASION FOR WORKING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT  
CARTER AND WITH SELECTED OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT AND  
CONGRESS.

2. WHILE EXACT TIMING WOULD DEPEND ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
SCHEDULE, IDEALLY THE VISIT WOULD OCCUR WHEN UNGA VOTES  
ON MEMBERSHIP FOR 1979 SECURITY COUNCIL. BANGLADESH IS  
ONE OF ASIAN CANDIDATES, COMPETING WITH JAPAN AND  
MONGOLIA. UNGA IS EXPECTED TO VOTE IN LATE OCTOBER.  
PRESIDENT RAHMAN WOULD RETURN QUICKLY TO BANGLADESH.  
KAISER URGED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST FOR  
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF  
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BANGLADESH'S PROMINENT WORLD ROLE AS A MAJOR LEAST  
DEVELOPED COUNTRY ADDRESSING ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
CONSTRUCTIVELY AND AS AN INFLUENTIAL MOSLEM COUNTRY  
EXERCISING A MODERATING ROLE ON MIDDLE EASTERN AND OTHER  
POLITICAL QUESTIONS. HE ALSO NOTED PAST EXPRESSIONS BY  
PRESIDENT CARTER OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN BANGLADESH AND ITS  
EFFORTS TO MEET ITS FOOD CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS.

3. TURNING TO BANGLADESH'S CANDIDACY FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT, KAISER LISTED SEVERAL REASONS WHY FROM THE WESTERN VIEWPOINT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR IT RATHER THAN JAPAN TO BE SELECTED. THESE CENTERED ON BANGLADESH'S MODERATE AND INFLUENTIAL COUNSEL AMONG ARAB AND THIRD WORLD STATES. KAISER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN, IN ITS OWN INTEREST OF AVOIDING POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT BY A POSSIBLE LOSS TO BANGLADESH THIS YEAR, SHOULD DEFER ITS CANDIDACY UNTIL NEXT YEAR WHEN HE CLAIMED IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE THE FIELD TO ITSELF WITH THE MINOR EXCEPTION OF A MONGOLIAN CANDIDACY.

4. AMBASSADOR KAISER PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR A FEW DAYS STARTING 12 AUGUST AND HAS ALREADY MADE A REQUEST TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM.

5. AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE PROPOSED VISIT BY PRESIDENT RAHMAN WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ASCERTAIN THE POSSIBILITIES. YOUNG

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